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McCONE POST ON CIA MAY GO TO GILPATRIC

Learn FBI Is Making Usual Check

[Chicago Tribune Press Service]

Washington, Dec. 17.—Roswell L. Gilpatrick, former deputy secretary of defense, is being considered for the post of director of the central intelligence agency, THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE learned today.

John A. McCone, the present director, expects to leave the CIA shortly and return to his home in California, his friends report. McCone was chairman of the Atomic Energy commission in the Eisenhower administration from mid-1958 until early 1961, and CIA director since Nov. 29, 1961.

It was learned that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is making a new security check of Gilpatrick, a routine preliminary.

Agency Relations Strained
From time to time, relations between the hush-hush spy

agency and the defense department have been strained, particularly in South Viet Nam, altho McCone has worked closely with Robert S. McNamara, secretary of defense.

Both the defense secretary and the CIA director are members of the national security council, a body of key government officials who advise the President on matters of international importance.

Gilpatrick, as defense deputy, was called to Capitol hill during the investigation of a contract for the purchase of a new multi-purpose plane called the TFX. He received a five-to-four vote of confidence from investigating senators that his role as a lawyer for a firm representing General Dynamics, winner of the contract, was not a conflict of interest.

Passed on TFX Contract

Gilpatrick was one of the Pentagon officials who passed on the contract after he had left the law firm. Gilpatrick resigned from his defense post in January to return to private law practice. President Johnson called Gilpatrick back to government in November as chairman of a new policies group established to try to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons among other nations.

Cyrus R. Vance, current deputy secretary, has also been mentioned for the CIA post but it is thought he will remain in the Pentagon.